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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4413

INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: SURFACE/AIR POUCH ROUTINGS

REF: STATE 282898

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES DEPT'S DECISION REROUTE S/A POUCHES VIA EUROPE. PROMPT ARRIVAL NAIROBI THESE POUCHES WILL FACILITATE DELIVERY MOST EAST AFRICAN POSTS. HOWEVER, EXTREMELY LIMITED AND UNRELIABLE AIR SERVICE NAIROBI/KIGALI RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUED UNWARRANTED DELAYS FINAL DELIVERY POST' S/A POUCHES TO KIGALI.

2. DURING FOUR-MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOV 30, EMBASSY RECEIVED 28 S/A POUCHES WITH AVERAGE TRANSIT TIME OF 32 DAYS FROM DISPATCH (MINIMUM TRANSIT TIME WAS 21 DAYS, MAXIMUM 46 DAYS). WHILE WE UNABLE DOCUMENT PORTION THIS UNUSUALLY LONG AIR CARGO TRANSIT TIME ATTRIBUTABLE TO DELAY IN NAIROBI AWAITING TRANSPORTATION, WE ASSUME IT IS SIGNIFICANT. ALTHOUGH EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS SCHEDULED FLY NAIROBI/KIGALI TWICE WEEKLY, SERVICE HAS BEEN CANCELLED SINCE SEPTEMBER. AIR BURUNDI ALSO SCHEDULES TWICE WEEKLY FLIGHTS, BUT THESE OFTEN CANCELLED OR CARGO REFUSED DUE LIMITED SPACE.

3. IN ORDER FACILITATE MORE EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERY SURFACE POUCH MATERIAL TO POSTS WHERE THERE VIRTUALLY NO OTHER AMENITIES, EMBASSY PROPOSES DEPT AUTHORIZE FORWARDING KIGALI S/A POUCHES VIA DROP POINT BRUSSELS WHERE FIVE SABENA FLIGHTS PER WEEK SERVICE KIGALI.

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4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS ROUTING FEASIBLE. CRIGLER

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